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Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

In response to this requirement, please provide copies of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of the reference by Aigner et al. (Reference 14 on the IDS filed 20 July 2004). This is an abstract which was submitted to the AACR, a scientific meeting. Presentations at scientific meetings often disclose to the public considerably more than what is written in the abstract. For example, presentations can include a poster or slides, each depicting the same subject matter submitted in abstract form in considerably greater detail.

Applicant is required, in response to this requirement, to provide copies of any poster, slides, or similar such material that may have actually been presented to skilled artisan at the AACR meeting for which the Aigner et al. reference is an abstract. The sole inventor listed in this application is an author of the abstract by Aigner. If no oral, slide, or poster presentation was made at the scientific meeting, and the written abstract by Aigner in fact constitutes the entirety of the public disclosure at the AACR meeting, applicant should explicitly confirm this.

This requirement is deemed necessary for the examiner to determine the patentability of the invention now claimed. Aigner et al. disclose what appears to be an identical product, in that the reference teaches the same starting material (human fetal cDNA library), the same method of purification (panning with PTN), and identification of "a candidate receptor fragment . . . which is contained in the extracellular domain of an orphan transmembrane tyrosine kinase receptor." The specification discloses that a preferred method of obtaining the product now claimed is to screen a human fetal cDNA library by panning with PTN, and that this results in the claimed invention (see p. 18).

The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Kolker whose telephone number is (571) 272-3181. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571) 272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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